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Utah Ranks #1  
For Volunteering Efforts

Salt Lake City, Utah – Utah ranks number one in the nation for volunteering according to a report, “Volunteering in America: State Trends and Rankings,” released today by the Corporation for National and Community Services. Conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau from 2002-2005, the report, the first of its kind to take an in-depth look at volunteering nationwide, involved 60,000 households and over 100,000 individuals.

“The report represents an overview of individuals who volunteer, their hours, projects, and groups they work with,” states Kathy Hyde, executive director, Utah Commission on Volunteers (COV). “It is significant that Utah ranked number one across several age group categories including senior, youth, and college.” Volunteers in our state contribute an annual average of 96 service hours per volunteer, for a total of 142,700,256 hours. Non-profit leaders estimate the annual economic equivalent to be \$2,574,312,617 for the state.

The Corporation for National and Community Services has issued a challenge for every state to increase their number of volunteers 15% by the year 2010. Utah’s “Be Ready Utah” campaign, launched in April 2006 by Lt. Governor Gary Herbert and COV, is accepting the challenge and working to increase the number of citizens who are involved in their local Citizen Corps Councils.

To access the complete report, visit [www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)

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